

6 There were no luxurious steam boats in those days, with all the accompanying facilities newspaper, radio, & always in continuous touch with everything that is going on in the world, to the very moment. In those times it meant a complete cutting off from all the outside world Good bye to everything, & committed to the mercies of the sea, with all its dangers. It required a great courage, to launch out into the unknown. But those early pioneers to New Zealand were made of stern, good material.

On leaving their home in Cumberland they first went to New Castle in Northumberland, & took a coastal boat to London, & transhipping them into a vessel called the 'Mystery' of something less than three hundred tons. They also brought with them, all their household utensils, bedding, &c. (I have recollections of an old Grandfather clock, a four poster bedstead, something also what they called tally iron, (this was an iron to do the pulling work on ship's collars &c) &c, &c) They had to do their own cooking and washing, & no conveniences what ever, huddled together, little or no privacy

7 What a time for the little children, & what wonder that sickness should break out; which it did & many little ones died. In the hot weather, the scorching heat, and little to make a shadow, and then ^{downy} the storms to be battered down below decks. What a time, & what a life? It was late in the year 1858 when they left England, & it was in March 1859 that the ship came to anchor in Lyttelton Harbour. Well might another say, that she had no wish to take another journey nor had she ever a desire to see England again. At this time, New Zealand was not under one united Government, but it was divided into Provincial districts, or Provinces, & each one had their own provincial Government. There was one Governor appointed by the British Government, as representing at that time Queen Victoria, but each province had its own Superintendent, & the Government legislated alone for that particular portion of the Colony. At the time of which, ^{specifically} the seat of the Canterbury Province was Christ Church, & there the Government Buildings were erected, & together the foundations